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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Margaret Jeanne Walkup Nienstedt of Crystal Lake, who passed away on October 4, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Nienstedt was born in Woodstock on February 24, 1918 to Harold and Helen (nee Cretcher) Walkup and was raised on the original 1836 Walkup homestead between Crystal Lake and Woodstock; she graduated from Crystal Lake Community High School and earned her bachelor's degree in teaching at Northern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Nienstedt taught elementary school for 26 years, primarily at North School in Crystal Lake; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Nienstedt belonged to many teaching and civic organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, PEO, and Delta Kappa Gamma; she was an avid Bridge player for decades, before and into her nineties, and belonged to many bridge clubs; she was first a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ridgefield, along with her mother and father, and then later became a member of the First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake; she had a passion for writing and was a published poet; she compiled a volume of 86 poems and self-published her works with the help of her

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1 daughter and her granddaughter; she traveled the world with her
2 dearest friend and companion, Carmel Price; and

3 WHEREAS, Margaret Nienstedt was preceded in death by her
4 parents and her companion, Carmel Price; and

5 WHEREAS, Margaret Nienstedt is survived by her children,
6 Margaret Helen (Richard) Jones and Richard Nienstedt; her
7 grandchildren, Amanda Flohr, Christine Stratton, Elisabeth
8 Flohr, Mary Margaret Vasquez, and Katherine C. Jones; her 4
9 great-grandchildren; her dear cousin, Helen Lee Reid, and
10 husband, Howard, and Helen's children, Elizabeth and Nancy; and
11 by the members of the Carmel Price family of Crystal Lake, who
12 became her family for 40 years; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Margaret Jeanne Walkup Nienstedt, and extend our sincere
16 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
17 her; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Margaret Nienstedt as an expression
20 of our deepest sympathy.